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Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair Honorable Les Ihara Jr., Vice Chair Committee on Human Services Conference Room 225 & Via Videoconference

Re: S.C.R. No. 181 – Requests the County of Hawai'i to conduct a feasibility study on the Creation of a Marshallese Community Center in Hawaiian Ocean View Estates.

Honorable Chair San Buenaventura and Vice Chair Ihara:

On behalf of myself and as Councilmember representing the rural districts of South Kona, Kaʻū and Volcano Village (Council District 6), I express my support of S.C.R. 181 relating to conducting a feasibility study to create a Marshallese Community Center in Hawaiian Ocean View Estates.

As you may know, many of the Kaʻū residents face cultural, financial, and geographical barriers that prevent them from accessing much needed services in rural areas such as my Council District of Kaʻū. The creation of a Marshallese Community Center in Hawaiian Ocean View Estates will assist the Marshallese community by providing various informational services, social support, health care, and group activities.

Mahalo a nui loa for your favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

Maile David

Maile David, Council Member Council District 6, S. Kona, Ka'ū, and Volcano Village